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Appendix F Forms Of Addresses

F.1. General.

The forms of address in this appendix are the conventional forms as determined by social and official custom. Since address forms may vary in certain instances, it is important to consult the rules as they appear in the listing in this appendix.

F.2 Titles of Addressees.

- a. "The Honorable" is a title used to address current and former officials; e.g., Presidential appointees, Federal and state elected officials, and mayors. "Honorable" is not used by itself. "The Honorable" is not used before a last name alone. When appearing within the text of a letter or other communication, "the" is not capitalized.
- b. "The Honorable" may be replaced by a title such as "Dr." or "General," but it is not used in combination with another title.
- c. After leaving a titled position, an individual may opt to retain that distinctive title ("Judge," "General," or "The Honorable") throughout his or her lifetime.

F.3 Abbreviation of Titles and Degrees.

a. With the exceptions of "Mr./Ms./Dr.," do not abbreviate titles preceding full names in an address. Long titles such as "Lieutenant Colonel" and "Brigadier General" may be abbreviated for the sake of balance and appearance in the address when necessary;

- e.g., Lt. Colonel John L. Smith. Note that the basic rank is not abbreviated. The salutation should read, "Dear Colonel Smith."
- b. Abbreviate designations of degrees, religious and fraternal orders, and military service branch titles after a name. Type the initials of a degree or order with periods but no spaces between them. Type military service designations in capital letters without periods.
- c. Do not use scholastic degrees in combination with complimentary titles of address or with military service ranks, except in the case of "The Reverend." When a name is followed by abbreviations, their sequence is as follows: religious orders first, theological degrees, academic degrees earned in course, and honorary degrees in order of the bestowal. Using more than two degrees is unnecessary. Examples:

John Doe, D.D., D.Lit.
Patricia Smith, M.D.
Henry Brown, LL.D., Ph.D.
Lt. Colonel Mary Hill, USAF
The Reverend George Green, D.D.

F.4. Spouse of Distinguished Individual.

a. An individual does not share a spouse's official title and, therefore, should be addressed individually by his or her own appropriate title and last name.

The American Ambassador and Mrs. Doe

- b. In cases of the titled spouse being a female, the following rule applies: Justice Sandra Morgan and Mr. Morgan
- c. Not all married women use their husband's name, especially if they use another name professionally.

Senator Diane Strickland and Mr. Richard Blum

The Honorable Patrick Reed and Ms. Brooke Saxon

NOTE: The forms of address listed in this appendix are the conventional forms of address as determined by social and official custom. The style of salutation and complimentary close is informal.

		SALUTATION AND
ADDRESSEE	ADDRESS	COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President	The President The White House Washington, DC 20500	Dear Mr./Madam President: Respectfully,
Spouse of the President	Mrs., Mr. (full name) The White House Washington, DC 20500	Dear Mrs./Mr. (surname): Sincerely,

Assistant to the President The Honorable (full name) Assistant to the President Executive Office of the

President Washington, DC 20500

e or the

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Former President

The Honorable (full name) (local address) (ZIP Code)

Dear President, Madam President

(surname): Sincerely,

The Vice President

The Vice President United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 Dear Mr./Madam Vice

President: Sincerely,

The Honorable (full name)

The Vice President of the United States Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr./Madam Vice

President: Sincerely,

Former Vice President The Honorable (full name)

(no title)

(local address) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Director, Office of Management and Budget The Honorable (full name)

Director

Office of Management

and Budget

Executive Office of the

President

Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

The Honorable (full name)

Director

Office of Science and Technology Policy Executive Office of the

President

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

The Chief Justice

The Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of
the United States
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Chief Justice:

Associate Justice

Justice (surname)
The Supreme Court of
the United States
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Justice (surname):

Sincerely,

The Clerk of the Supreme Court

The Clerk of the Supreme Court
The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United States

Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

THE CONGRESS

President of the Senate

The Honorable (full name) President of the Senate Washington, DC 20510 Dear Mr./Madam President:

Sincerely,

President of the Senate

Pro Tempore

The Honorable (full name)
President Pro Tempore
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr./Madam President:

Sincerely,

Speaker of the House

of

Representatives

The Honorable (full name) Speaker of the House of

Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr./Madam Speaker:

Sincerely,

Majority Leader or Minority Leader United States Senate The Honorable (full name) Majority or Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr./Madam Leader: Sincerely,

United States Senator The Honorable (full na

The Honorable (full name) United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

or

The Honorable (full name) United States Senator

(Congressional District office

address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Senator (surname):

Sincerely,

Majority Leader or Minority Leader The Honorable (full name) Majority or Minority Leader House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr./Madam Leader:

United States Representative The Honorable (full name) House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. (surname):

or

Dear Congresswoman (surname): Sincerely,

or

The Honorable (full name) Member, U.S. House of Representatives (local address) (ZIP Code)

Committee Chair Chairman, Chairwoman Chair The Honorable (full name) Chairman,

Committee on (name) United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 Dear Mr. Chairman/ Madam Chairwoman/:

Chair: Sincerely,

or

The Honorable (full name)

Chair Committee on (name) House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Dear Mr. Chairman/Madam

Chair: Sincerely,

Subcommittee Chairman Chair The Honorable (full name) Chairman, Subcommitte on (name of parent Committee) United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman/Madam

Chair: Sincerely,

or

The Honorable (full name)
Chair, Subcommittee on (name)
(name of parent Committee)
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Joint Committee Chairman The Honorable (full name) Chairman (Chair)

Joint Committee on (name) Congress of the United States Washington, DC (ZIP Code Dear Mr. Chairman/Madam

Chair: Sincerely,

Senator-elect

The Honorable (full name)
United States Senator-elect
or

Dear Senator-elect (surname): Sincerely,

Representative-elect

Representative-elect (address, if known) or Care of the United States Senate or House of Representatives Dear Congressman-elect: (surname): Sincerely,

Office of a Deceased

Senator

Office of the late Senator

(full name)

United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

or

*Sir: or Madam: Senator

Sincerely,

Office of the late Representative* Representative

> (full name) House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Chaplin of the United

States Senate

The Reverend (full name) Chaplin of the United States

Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname):** Sincerely,

House of The Reverend (full name) Representatives

Chaplain of the House of

Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Secretary of the

United States Senate

The Honorable (full name) Secretary of the Senate **United States Senate** Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Clerk of the House The Honorable (full name)

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Resident Commissioner The Honorable (full name)

Resident Commissioner from

Puerto Rico

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Delegate The Honorable (full name)

Delegate from (location) House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Comptroller General The Honorable (full name)

Comptroller General of the

United States

General Accounting Office Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Librarian of Congress The Honorable (full name) Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

Librarian of Congress Library of Congress Washington, DC 20540 (surname): Sincerely,

Public Printer The Honorable (full name)

Public Printer

Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20401

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Cabinet Members The Honorable (full name) Dear Mr., Madam Secretary:*

Secretary of the Interior* Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable (full name) Dear Mr., Madam Attorney

Attorney General of the United States

Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530

General: Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Deputy Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Under Secretaries The Honorable (full name) Deputy Secretary of Energy Washington, DC 20585

(surname): Sincerely,

Dear Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.

The Honorable (full name) Assistant Secretary,

Legislative Affairs Department of Defense Washington, DC 20301

The Honorable (full name)
Under Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development

Postmaster General The Honorable (full name)

Postmaster General
United States Postal

Service

Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr./Madam/Postmaster

General: Sincerely,

^{*}If the name of the late Senator's or Representative's secretary or administrative assistant is known, the letter may be addressed to that person by name.

^{**}The title is Mr. or Dr., as appropriate. Reverend is not used with the surname alone.

Head of a Independent

Agency,

Authority, or Board

The Honorable (full name)

(Title)

(Agency name)

(address)

(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Head of a Major Organization within an Agency, if a

Presidential Appointee

The Honorable (full name)

Under

Secretary/Administrator National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration

Department of Commerce Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Secretary of the Navy Secretary of the Army Secretary of the Air

Secretary of Force

The Honorable (full name)

Secretary of the

(Navy, Army, Air Force) Department of Defense

The Pentagon

Washington, DC (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Madam Secretary:

Sincerely,

Chairman of a Commission or Board

The Honorable (full name)

Chairman

Federal Trade Commission Washington, DC 20580

Dear Mr./Madam Chairman:

Sincerely,

AMERICAN MISSIONS

American Ambassador

The Honorable (full name) American Ambassador (City), (Country)

Ambassador: Sincerely,

Dear Mr./Madam

American Consul General or

American Consul

The Honorable (full name) American Consul General (or American Consul)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. (surname): Sincerely,

(City), (Country)

Personal (Special) Representative of the

President

The Honorable (full name) Personal Representative of

the President of the

United States of America to

(country) (address) (City, State/Country) Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

Foreign Ambassador in the United States

His (Her) Excellency (full

name)
Ambassador of (country)

Dear Mr./Madam/ Ambassador: Sincerely,

United States Representative

to the United Nations or Organization of American States The Honorable (full name)

(local address) (ZIP Code)

United States
Representative to
the United Nations (or
Organization of American

States)

(local address) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Madam/Ambassador:

Sincerely,

Foreign Minister in the

United States (Head of a Legation)

The Honorable (full name)
Minister of (country)

Washington, DC (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Madam/Minister:

Sincerely,

Foreign Minister Counselor in the United States

The Honorable (full name)
Minister Counselor
Embassy of (country)
Washington, DC (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Madam/Minister: Sincerely.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Governor The Honorable (full name)

Governor of (State) (City), (State) (ZIP Code) Dear Governor (surname):

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Governor The Honorable (full name)

Lieutenant Governor of

(State)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

State Senator The Honorable (full name)

(State) Senate

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely.

State Representative,

Assemblyman, or Delegate

The Honorable (full name)

(State) House of Representatives

(or Assembly or House of

Delegates)*

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Mayor

The Honorable (full name) Mayor of (name of city)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mayor (surname):

President of a Board of Commissioners

The Honorable (full name)

President

Board of Commissioners of

(name of city)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

*In most States, the lower branch of the legislature is the House of Representatives. In States, such as California, New York, New Jersey, Nevada, and Wisconsin, the lower house is known as the Assembly. In others, such as Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, it is known as the House of Delegates. Nebraska has a one-house legislature; its members are designated as Senators.

CHURCH OFFICIALS

Minister The Reverend (full name, Dear Dr. (surname):

Pastor degrees) Sincerely, Rector (address)

(without doctoral degree) (City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Minister The Reverend (full name) Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

Pastor (name of church) (surname): Rector (address) Sincerely,

(without doctoral degree) (City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Presiding Episcopal Bishop The Most Reverend (full Dear Bishop (surname):

name, degrees)

Presiding Bishop of the

Episcopal Church (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Episcopal Bishop The Right Reverend (full Dear Bishop (surname):

> name, degrees) Bishop of (diocese)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Episcopal Dean The Very Reverend (full Dear Dean (surname):

> name, degrees) Dean of (church)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Bishop (surname):

Methodist Bishop The Reverend (full name,

degrees)

Methodist Bishop

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Mormon Bishop Mr. (full name)

The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter Day Saints

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr. (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Cardinal His Eminence (given name)

Cardinal (surname)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Cardinal (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Archbishop

The Most Reverend (full

name)

Archbishop of (diocese)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Archbishop

(surname): Sincerely,

Catholic Bishop

The Most Reverend (full

name)

Bishop of (city) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Bishop (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Monsignor

(higher rank)

The Right Reverend

Monsignor (full name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Monsignor (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Monsignor

(lower rank)

The Very Reverend

Monsignor (full name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Monsignor (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Priest

The Reverend (full name) (add initials or Order, if any)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Father (surname):

Sincerely,

Catholic Mother Superior

of an Institution

The Reverend Mother

Superior

(initials of Order, if used) (name of institution)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Reverend Mother:

Sincerely,

Rabbi (with doctoral degree)

Rabbi (full name) (Synagogue) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Dr. (surname): Sincerely,

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Rabbi (without doctoral

degree)

Rabbi (full name)

(Synagogue) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Rabbi (surname):

Sincerely,

Orthodox Archbishop

His Eminence Archbishop

(full name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Your Eminence

Sincerely,

Orthodox Bishop

His Grace (full name)

Bishop of (name of Diocese)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Your Grace Sincerely,

Orthodox Priest

The Reverend (full name)

(name of church)

(address) (City), (State) (ZIP Code) Dear Father: Sincerely.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

President or Chancellor of a College or University (with doctoral degree)

Dr. (full name)
President

(name of institution)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Dr. (surname): Sincerely,

President of a College or

University (without doctoral degree)

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. (full

name)
(name of institution)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

(surname): Sincerely,

Dean of a School

Dean (full name)
School of (name)
(name of institution)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Dean (surname):

Sincerely,

Professor

Professor (full name)
Department of (name)
(name of institution)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Professor (surname):

Sincerely.

Ph.D.

Dr. (full name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Dr. (surname):

PHYSICIANS AND LAWYERS

Physician (full name), MD Dear Dr. (surname):

> (address) Sincerely,

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. (full Dear Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. Lawyer

name)

Attorney at Law Sincerely,

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Judge The Honorable (full name) Dear Judge (surname):

> Judge, Appellate Division The Supreme Court of the

State of New York

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

OTHER

Widow Mrs. (husband's first and last Dear Mrs., Ms. (surname):

name) or Ms. (wife's full

name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Unknown Gender Dear Leslie Smith: Leslie Smith

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

(surname):

Sincerely,

MULTIPLE ADDRESSEES

Two or More Men Mr. (full name) and Dear Mr. (surname) and Mr.

> Mr. (full name) (surname):

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Dear Messrs. (surname)

Code) Sincerely,

Two or More Women Mrs., Miss, Ms. (full

name) and

Mrs., Miss, Ms. (full

name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP

Code)

Dear Mrs./Ms., Miss (surname) and

Mrs./Ms./Miss (surname):

One Woman and One Man

Mrs., Miss, Ms. (full name) and Mr. (full name)

(surname): Sincerely.

(address) (City), (State) (ZIP

Code)

MILITARY SERVICES

Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps Officers

General Lieutenant General Major General

Brigadier General

Colonel Lieutenant Colonel

Major

Captain

First Lieutenant Second Lieutenant

Chief Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer

Navy and Coast Guard Officers Admiral Vice Admiral

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

abbreviation of service) (address)

(full rank, full name,

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service)

(address) (City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service)

(address) (City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, abbreviation of service) (address) (City), (State) (ZIP Code) Dear General (surname): Sincerely,

Dear Mrs./Miss/Ms. (surname) and Mr.

Dear Colonel (surname): Sincerely,

Dear Major (surname):

Sincerely,

Dear Captain (surname):

Sincerely,

Dear Lieutenant (surname):

Sincerely,

Dear Chief Warrant Officer

(surname): Sincerely,

Dear Warrant Officer (surname):

Sincerely,

Dear Admiral (surname):

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral

Captain (full rank, full name, Dear Captain (surname):

> abbreviation of service) Sincerely,

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(full rank, full name, Commander Dear Commander (surname):

abbreviation of service) Lieutenant Commander Sincerely,

> (address) (City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Lieutenant (full rank, full name, Dear Lieutenant (surname):

Lieutenant Junior Grade abbreviation of service) Sincerely,

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Ensign (full rank, full name, Dear Ensign (surname):

abbreviation of service) Sincerely,

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Chief Warrant Officer Dear Chief Warrant Officer (full rank, full name,

abbreviation of service)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

(surname): Sincerely,

ALL SERVICES

Dear (rank, surname): Retired Officer (full rank, full name,

> abbreviation of service), (Ret.) Sincerely,

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Chaplain Chaplain (full name) Dear Chaplain (surname):

(rank, service designation)

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Sincerely,

SERVICE ACADEMY MEMBERS

Army or Coast Guard Cadet Cadet (full name) Dear Cadet (surname):

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Sincerely,

(surname):

Navy Midshipman Midshipman (full name) Dear Midshipman

(address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code) Sincerely, Air Force Air Cadet

Air Cadet (full name) (address)

(City), (State) (ZIP Code)

Dear Air Cadet (surname): Sincerely,

MILITARY SERVICES ABBREVIATIONS

In some instances, military abbreviations may be used as a form of address, e.g., distribution lists, courtesy copy lists, and envelopes. Refer to the GPO Style Manual's chapter entitled Abbreviations.

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